

1. Apparatus comprising:

a tool for temporarily supporting a first piece of siding against a structure, said tool being removable after said first piece of siding is at least partially secured to said structure.

2. The tool of claim 1 wherein the tool is further usable for temporarily supporting a second piece of siding against said structure by temporarily securing the tool to the first piece of siding.

3. The tool of claim 2 wherein the tool comprises a first longitudinal member with a hook at one end, the hook for temporarily securing the tool to the first piece of siding by placing the hook over the top edge of the first piece of siding.

4. The tool of claim 3 wherein the tool comprises a second longitudinal member for temporarily supporting the second piece of siding.

5. The tool of claim 4 wherein the tool comprises a handle section to facilitate positioning, insertion, and removal of the tool.

6. The tool of claim 5 wherein the tool is adjustable to control the exposure of a previously installed piece of siding relative to the piece of siding being temporarily supported.

7. A tool for facilitating the installation of siding comprising:

- a first longitudinal member with a hook at one end, the hook for temporarily securing the tool to a first installed piece of siding by placing the hook over the top edge of the first piece of siding;
- a second longitudinal member coupled to the first longitudinal member for temporarily supporting a second piece of siding;
- a handle section coupled to the first and second longitudinal members to facilitate positioning, insertion, and removal of the tool, and
- an adjustable seat for controlling the longitudinal position of the first longitudinal member relative to the second longitudinal member to control the exposure of the first installed piece of siding relative to the second piece of siding being temporarily supported.

8. A method of installing siding on a structure including the steps of:

- employing a tool for temporarily supporting a first piece of siding against the structure, said tool being removable after said first piece of siding is at least partially secured to said structure.
9. The method of claim 8 further including the step of using the tool to temporarily support a second piece of siding against said structure by temporarily securing the tool to the first piece of siding.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the step of using the tool to temporarily support a second piece of siding includes the step of placing a hook that resides on one end of a first longitudinal member of the tool over the top edge of the first piece of siding.

5 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the step of temporarily supporting a second piece of siding against said structure includes the step of placing the second piece of siding between the structure and a second longitudinal member portion of the tool.

10 12. The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of using a handle section of the tool to facilitate positioning, insertion, and removal of the tool.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising the step using an adjustment exposure portion of the tool to adjust the exposure of the first piece of siding relative to the piece of siding being temporarily supported.

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14. A method of installing siding on a structure comprising the steps of:

temporarily securing a tool to a first installed piece of siding by placing the hook residing at one end of a first longitudinal member of the tool over the top edge of the first piece of siding;

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temporarily supporting a second piece of siding by placing the second piece of siding between the structure and a second longitudinal member on the tool coupled to the first longitudinal member;

using an adjustable seat on the tool for controlling the longitudinal position of the first longitudinal member relative to the second longitudinal member to control the exposure of the first installed piece of siding relative to the second piece of siding being temporarily supported;

- 5 at least partially securing the second piece of siding to the structure;
 using a handle section of the tool coupled to the first and second longitudinal members to remove the tool.